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**Amendments to the Drawings:**

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Figure 5 has been amended to include the phrase "Prior Art."

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**BEST AVAILABLE COPY****REMARKS**

The present preliminary amendment is in response to the Advisory Action mailed March 30, 2005, in which the allowed claims were specified as being Claims 1-9, 20-22, 24, 26, 34 and 49 and wherein it was stated that the specification and drawings should be amended.

Specifically, the Examiner specified:

- (1) *That the specification and drawings should be amended to reflect corrections to the drawings including their renumbering;*
- (2) *That the amendment to the specification contains typographical errors; and*
- (3) *That the term "existing method" in the brief description of the drawings was not clear.*

In response, Applicants have corrected the typographical errors and have added the language "Prior Art" to Figure 5 as set forth herein, thus overcoming Items (2) and (3).

With respect to Item (1) the undersigned attorney for Applicants held a telephone conference with the Examiner in which it was decided that no renumbering is needed. The undersigned attorney expresses his

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appreciation to the Examiner for holding the telephone discussion.

All changes are made for clarification and are based on the application and drawings as originally filed. It is respectfully submitted that no new matter is added.

Favorable reconsideration is respectfully requested.

**CONCLUSION**

In light of the above amendments and remarks, Applicants respectfully submit that the specification and all pending claims as currently presented are in condition for allowance.

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Applicants respectfully request that a Notice of Allowance be issued in  
this case.

Respectfully submitted,



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